

Minutes of DAAC Meeting

Attendance

DAAC members present were: Seren Derin, Chair; Irene Barrelet, Clerk; Jim MacRostie; and Dana Goddard

Others present were Gerry Weiss, Select Board representative; members of the public Joan Swift and Tory Dixon; and Nathaniel Malloy, DAAC staff liaison.

Absent: Joe Tringali, Vice-chair.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Derin called the meeting to order at 11.03 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

MINUTES

Minutes from the February 9, 2010 meeting were reviewed. No corrections were found. Ms. Barrelet made a motion to accept the minutes, Mr. MacRostie seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (4-0) to accept the February, 2010 minutes as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

AAB Correspondence—Lord Jeffery Inn Renovations

The Architectural Access Board (AAB) sent correspondence detailing the results of the public hearing at which the variance application for the Lord Jeffery Inn renovations was approved with the three following conditions:

1. The inaccessible (existing) entrance from Spring Street has the proper signage in accordance with 521 CMR Section 25.6.
2. All of the accommodations and services that are provided on the third floor must be made available on other accessible floors.
3. A written policy shall be in place that provides guests with disabilities the right to reserve the 10 guestrooms that are visitable if the need arises.

The DAAC agreed with the decision of the AAB, especially the provision that bolsters the right to reserve visitable rooms.

Master Plan and Visitability

The discussion centered on the feasibility of encouraging new developments to include visitable units and space in residential and commercial projects. Suggestions for incentivizing visitability in new residential construction included increased density, reduced fees, and public funds subsidies. The committee agreed that the newly adopted Master Plan did not fully address this issue.

Other

Committee members noted that the walkway that leads to the Amherst Cinema along the Amherst Cinema building is not passable when Tabella sets up their outdoor dining; tables and seating obstruct the walkway. The committee asked if the restaurant, as a condition of their special permit, was required to maintain the walkway without any barriers.

OLD BUSINESS

Jones Library Parking

The Committee is waiting to schedule a site visit to the library, and also noted that there is inadequate HP parking at the Munson Memorial Library in South Amherst.

Other

The committee would like to know the status of revised plans and service policies that were to be submitted by Pasta E Basta to the Architectural Access Board by October 1, 2009.

The HP parking space behind the Monkey Bar on the Boltwood Garage does not have an adequate unloading aisle; it does not meet the required width that is needed for use by a lift.

The crossing signal at the intersection of North Pleasant Street and Kellogg Avenue does not have an audible signal that beeps during crossing times.

Next Meeting(s)

Tuesday April 6, 2010 @ 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday May 11, 2010 @ 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday June 8, 2010 @ 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Nathaniel Malloy, staff liaison